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Yugoslav policy relative to the creation of a third force. The Balkan Pact does not, however, represent a road by which Yugoslavia would join either NATO or any other Western Alliances, but is intended for the preservation of small countries, in the East and in the West.

- d. On U.S. Aid: The aid given to Yugoslavia by the United States is a natural result of Yugoslavia's readiness to preserve peace and to collaborate against any aggression. The United States, however, is greatly mistaken if it believes that it has bought Yugoslavia with this aid. "We are receiving weapons from the West, we must learn all about them and we must preserve them in good condition, but it is our own business how we shall use them."²
 - e. On U.S. Policies and Culture: Wall Street and various trusts are directing the foreign policy of the United States. General MacArthur, Senator McCarthy, and the Republican Party are pushing America towards Fascism; and this has resulted in a general decadence of the Americans. This decadence is influencing the entire West. American literature and jazz music are symbols of this American decadence.³
4. The following are the opinions which prevailed among the FCY members at the Center regarding the top leadership of the FCY:

Tito is a symbol and is more or less in the position of a king. Edvard Kardelj is Tito's heir apparent, the principal Party doctrinarian, and in charge of the foreign policy. Aleksandar Rankovic is in charge of internal affairs. Mosa Pijade has moved up in the Party hierarchy following Milovan Djilas' fall from grace and is now a sort of assistant doctrinarian to Kardelj. He is also in charge of propaganda. Kardelj and Pijade are on very good terms. As for Djilas, he was rated as the Party's strongest theoretician and a person able to create new Party ideology, whereas Kardelj is only able to interpret and to plan within the existing theories. Both Djilas and Kardelj, however, are opposed to the Western type of society. From the point of view of the West, the ideas that Djilas championed were leftist; but, looked at from the present Yugoslav scene, they were pro-Western. That is the reason he had some sympathizers even among the non-Party people.⁴

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1. Though a majority of the officers of the Center were FCY members, only an estimated 20 per cent or less were ideological Communists, either Titoists or Cominformists; another 20 per cent could be considered "careerists," people who were trying to make a career of their Party membership; the remaining 60 per cent were passive members who were indifferent to Communism and held their Party membership simply in order to preserve their jobs.
2. This statement was repeated often during the year.
3. The number of American literary works published in Yugoslavia is much higher than the number of books about Marxism, Leninism, etc. The reason for this state of affairs is that the people buy American novels in preference to works by and about Lenin, causing the publishing and printing enterprises to publish American and Western books in order to balance their budgets.
4. Djilas still has more sympathizers among the FCY members than Kardelj.

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